

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(5)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: February 3, 2004

TITLE: Update on the Status of the Old Fayetteville Road Sidewalk Enhancement Project

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO <u>X</u> ___
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Vicinity Map C. Cost Estimate	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale McKeel – 918-7329

PURPOSE

The Town of Carrboro has been awarded funding from NCDOT for a sidewalk along two portions of Old Fayetteville Road. The Town Engineer has provided a cost estimate for construction of the sidewalks. The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the status of the sidewalk project and to request that additional funds be set aside for construction of the project. A resolution has been prepared for the Board’s adoption (Attachment A).

INFORMATION

In February 2002 an agreement was executed between the Town of Carrboro and the N.C. Department of Transportation to fund a sidewalk along the east side of Old Fayetteville Road from the Jones Ferry Road intersection to Autumn Woods Apartments and from Carolina Spring Apartments to the Carrboro Plaza Park and Ride Lot. By filling in existing gaps, the project will provide a continuous sidewalk along the east side of Old Fayetteville Road between Jones Ferry Road and Carrboro Plaza (Attachment B).

FISCAL IMPACT

The Town Engineer has prepared a design and cost estimate for construction of the sidewalks (Attachment C). The total cost is estimated to be \$151,900. This estimate is based on the cost of not only building a five-foot sidewalk but also adding an additional 8 feet of asphalt, 30” curb and gutter, and minimum 18” grass strip along the affected sections of Old Fayetteville Road. The new sections will match the existing cross-section in front of the Autumn Woods and Ramsgate apartments and will ensure that bikelanes can be added to Old Fayetteville Road in the future.

A total of \$123, 294 in state and local funds is available to construct the project, as follows:

- NCDOT Enhancement Funds - \$73,025
- Town of Carrboro Enhancement Match (20 Percent) - \$18,259

- Additional Funds Set Aside by Town of Carrboro For Curb and Gutter (Not Eligible for Enhancement Funding) - \$32,000

In order to complete the project, an additional \$28,606 is needed. The Town asked NCDOT to provide additional “Small Urban” funding to complete the project, but funds were not available.

The Town has approximately \$29,366 designated for bikeway projects within the Capital Reserve fund for which there are no projects currently planned. It is recommended that the Board of Aldermen approve that \$28,606 of the bikeway reserves be set aside within the Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of completing the Old Fayetteville Road sidewalk project.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution to set aside \$28,606 of the bikeway reserves within the Capital Reserve fund for the construction of a sidewalk along two portions of Old Fayetteville Road (Attachment A).